

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-33 are pending.

Claims 1-5, 11, 12, and 15-31 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Kubo, U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0107695, in views of Kaneko, U.S. Patent No. 5,777,700. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Kubo and the instant application are commonly owned, and were commonly owned at the time of the invention. Thus, Kubo cannot be used in a Section 103 rejection. See 35 U.S.C. Section 103(c). Thus, is respectfully requested that this rejection be withdrawn. All claims are in condition for allowance.

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